

SENATE BILL 2123

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 24-9-101; Section 49-2-124; Section 53-10-104; Section 53-10-302; Section 53-11-309; Section 56-32-137; Section 56-7-2408; Section 63-1-109; Section 63-1-301; Section 63-1-313; Section 63-10-204; Section 63-10-217; Section 63-10-505; Section 63-10-506; Title 63, Chapter 29; Section 63-51-102; Section 63-6-244; Section 63-6-802; Title 63, Chapter 7; Section 63-9-121; Section 68-1-128; Section 68-11-224; Section 68-2-601 and Section 71-5-1414, relative to advanced practice registered nurses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 24-9-101(a)(6), is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse" and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-124(c), is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-11-309, is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse with a certificate of fitness" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse with a license".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-109(a)(7), is amended by deleting the language "Advanced practice nurse" and substituting instead the language "Advanced practice registered nurse".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-301(1), is amended by deleting the language "Advanced practice nurse" and substituting instead the language "Advanced practice registered nurse".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-301(2), is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse" and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-301(8)(A), is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurses" and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurses".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-313(a), is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse with certificates of fitness" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse with a license".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-244(d), is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse" and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-802(9), is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse" and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-103(a)(2)(D), is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse" and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse".

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-123(b)(3)(F), is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse".

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-126(a), is amended by deleting the language "Advanced practice nurse" and substituting instead the language "Advanced practice registered nurse".

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-126(b), is amended by deleting the language "APN" and substituting instead the language "APRN".

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-126, is amended by deleting subsections (d) and (e) in their entirety and substituting instead the following:

(d) A nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, or clinical nurse specialist who holds a Tennessee registered nurse license in good standing and current national specialty certification in the advanced practice specialty shall be eligible for a license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse, and shall be exempt from the requirement of a master's degree or higher in the nursing specialty if licensed in Tennessee and holding national specialty certification prior to July 1, 2005. A nurse anesthetist shall be eligible for a license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse if the nurse anesthetist graduated prior to January 1, 1999, from a nurse anesthesia educational program approved by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists Council on Accreditation.

(e) With the exception of subsection (f), nothing in this section shall alter or change the current law as it existed on June 30, 2016, regarding prescriptive rights, supervision, or scope of practice for nurse anesthetists regulated under this title, nurse midwives as described in § 56-7-2407, clinical nurse specialists, or certified nurse practitioners as defined in § 63-7-123. Nor shall anything in this section allow any board or other entity to promulgate rules that would alter or change the law as it existed on June 30, 2016, regarding such prescriptive rights, supervision, or scope of practice.

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-126, is further amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse" and by deleting the language "certificate to practice" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "license to practice".

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-202(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(1) Nine (9) members, one (1) from each congressional district, who are either an advanced practice registered nurse or a registered nurse at the time of their appointment. At least two (2) members shall be registered nurses. At least three (3) members shall be advanced practice registered nurses. For the purposes of this section, an advanced practice registered nurse shall not include registered nurses;

SECTION 18. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-202(f)(4), is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse" and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse".

SECTION 19. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-9-121(d), is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse" and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse".

SECTION 20. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-10-204(42)(C), is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse" and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse".

SECTION 21. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-10-217(d), is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurses" and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurses" and by deleting the language "APN" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "APRN".

SECTION 22. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-10-505(h)(1)(C), is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse" and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse,".

SECTION 23. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-10-506, is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse" and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse".

SECTION 24. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-128, is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered".

SECTION 25. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-224(a), is amended by deleting the language "is recognized by the board of nursing as an advanced practice nurse under § 63-7-126" in subdivisions (1) and (5) and substituting instead the language "is licensed by the board of nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse under § 63-7-126".

SECTION 26. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1414(d)(5)(C), is amended by deleting the language "advanced practice nurse" and substituting instead the language "advanced practice registered nurse,".

SECTION 27. Any certification as an advanced practice nurse issued under Tennessee Code Annotated Title 63, Chapter 7, that is valid and effective at 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2016, shall remain valid and effective until the certification expires or is retired or revoked.

SECTION 28. For purposes of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.